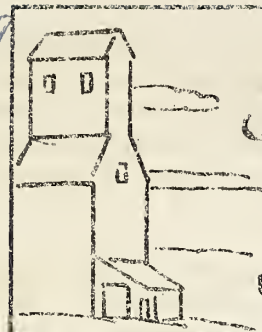


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STOCKS OF GRAINS APRIL 1, 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has assembled information on stocks of grains in all positions, as reported by various agencies, and makes the following report:

Grain	Position	April 1, 1951	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1953	April 1, 1953
Thousand bushels					
Wheat	(On Farms <u>1</u> /	217,111	197,895	399,412	268,440
	(Terminals <u>2</u> /	193,663	194,865	259,257	217,258
	(Commodity Credit Corp. <u>3</u> /	3,156	2,037	4,655	7,261
	(Merchant Mills <u>4</u> /	101,052	80,760	128,199	101,691
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/5</u> /	200,642	112,337	311,752	245,848
	TOTAL	715,624	517,894	1,103,275	840,498
Rye	(On Farms <u>1</u> /	3,899	3,441	3,627	2,443
	(Terminals <u>2</u> /	5,851	5,321	2,892	2,320
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/5</u> /	2,947	1,930	2,686	2,132
	TOTAL	12,697	10,692	9,205	6,895
Corn	(On Farms <u>1</u> /	1,323,306	1,052,666	2,173,205	1,466,434
	(Terminals <u>2</u> /	71,453	61,849	62,039	37,288
	(Commodity Credit Corp. <u>3</u> /	333,992	294,066	243,717	230,984
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/5</u> /	121,465	103,361	97,753	73,671
	TOTAL	1,850,216	1,511,942	2,576,714	1,808,377
Oats	(On Farms <u>1</u> /	544,347	519,236	791,661	456,956
	(Terminals <u>2</u> /	13,828	11,785	25,041	12,734
	(Commodity Credit Corp. <u>3</u> /	167	201	171	171
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/5</u> /	31,325	32,490	47,575	36,866
	TOTAL	589,667	563,712	864,448	506,727
Barley	(On Farms <u>1</u> /	89,268	77,962	99,177	57,396
	(Terminals <u>2</u> /	27,476	19,160	13,415	8,386
	(Commodity Credit Corp. <u>3</u> /	2,648	990	513	124
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/5</u> /	44,086	33,862	51,653	32,513
	TOTAL	163,478	131,974	164,758	98,419
Sorghum	(On Farms <u>1</u> /	6/	6/	23,906	6/
	(Terminals <u>2</u> /	24,521	24,281	4,788	2,967
	(Commodity Credit Corp. <u>3</u> /	2,318	608	705	730
	(Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. <u>1/5</u> /	68,144	24,437	24,789	14,853
Grain	TOTAL	6/	6/	54,188	6/

1/Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

2/Commercial stocks reported by Grain Branch P.M.A., at 44 terminal cities.

3/Owned by CCC and stored in bins or other storages owned or controlled by CCC; also CCC-owned grain in transit to ports and stored in Canadian elevators. Other CCC-owned grain is included in the estimates by positions.

4/Mills reporting to the Bureau of the Census on millings and stocks of flour.

5/All off-farm storages not otherwise designated for each grain.

6/Not available for April 1.

Relatively large stocks of wheat and corn remained in all storage positions on April 1, 1953, according to reports assembled by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Stocks of rye were nearly the smallest, and stocks of barley were the smallest in the 11-year series for April 1. However, tonnages of the 2 food grains--wheat and rye--were second only to those of April 1, 1943, and the April 1 reserves of the 4 feed grains were larger than in 7 of the last 10 years.

April 1 wheat stocks of 840 million bushels stored in all positions are second only to the 896 million bushels in 1943, in the 19 year period of comparable estimates. Current holdings are larger by 323 million bushels, or 62 percent, than those on April 1, 1952. Based on January 1 and April 1 stocks, net disappearance during the first three months of 1953 is indicated at 263 million bushels, one-fifth smaller than during the first quarter of 1952 and the second smallest for the January-March period in 10 years.

The current large total stocks include 268 million bushels on farms and 102 million in merchant mills. These holdings are over one-third and one-fourth larger than the 198 million and 81 million bushels in these respective positions a year ago. For these two positions, current stocks are each the third largest of record. In addition, terminals accounted for 217 million bushels and interior mills, elevators and warehouses held 246 million bushels. A year ago, these positions reported 125 and 112 million bushels, respectively. Current stocks are the second largest of record for terminals and the largest of record for interior mills, elevators and warehouses. The Commodity Credit Corporation had close to 7.3 million bushels of wheat stored in bins under CCC control or in transit to port. Other CCC-owned wheat is included in the estimates by positions.

The 6.9 million bushels of rye stored in all positions on April 1 is the smallest for the date since 1947 and is less than two-thirds the amount of rye in storage a year earlier. Although interior mills, elevators and warehouses held 10 percent more rye, the quantities in reserve on farms and at terminals are considerably smaller than on April 1, 1952. Terminal stocks of rye, at 2.3 million bushels, are less than half the 5.3 million a year earlier. The small 1952 crop is the primary reason for the relatively small quantities remaining in storage. Net disappearance of rye during the current January-March quarter was the smallest for the

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This combined report on stocks of grains in all positions replaces the separate reports on Stocks of Wheat and Rye and Stocks of Feed Grains, as previously issued. An added service is the presentation, by States, of stocks in all positions--totals of off-farm plus farm stocks, previously shown only for the United States. These State totals are available only since July 1, 1945.

Completion of 10 years of comparable record for U. S. stocks of most grains, beginning April 1, 1943, is marked by this new form of report. During this period the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has assembled reports by several agencies, covering various segments of grain storage facilities. The aim has been to reduce--to eliminate, if possible--the duplications that have existed in the coverage by the various agencies. These integrated reports on quarterly dates include commercial stocks at terminals, obtained weekly by the Grain Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration; grains owned by Commodity Credit Corporation and stored in their own bins and storages under their control, or in transit to ports; and estimates of the Crop Reporting Board for stocks of wheat at merchant mills since July 1, 1945--previous to that time they were enumerated by the Bureau of the Census--also stocks of all 6 grains at interior mills, elevators and warehouses, and on farms.

STOCKS OF GRAINS APRIL 1, 1953

State	Wheat							
	In interior mills, elevators, & warehouses April 1		Merchant mills April 1		Off farm total 1/		Total 2/ all positions April 1	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	Thousand bushels							
N. Eng.	215	172	*	*	837	186	837	188
N.Y.	*	*	5,469	5,194	14,805	21,312	16,456	24,912
N.J.	194	208	*	*	724	708	1,040	948
Pa.	328	*	740	860	3,139	3,212	6,152	6,824
Ohio	1,931	6,003	*	*	7,275	17,614	9,848	24,777
Ind.	545	1,125	*	2,618	2,980	4,120	3,686	6,892
Ill.	675	1,287	3,950	4,491	8,731	16,639	9,399	18,096
Mich.	2,081	4,285	1,913	2,320	3,994	6,605	7,998	16,208
Wis.	108	*	*	*	11,887	19,462	12,555	20,105
Minn.	3,435	3,115	9,299	7,971	30,690	44,440	36,697	50,389
Iowa	130	742	931	1,915	2,996	5,615	3,219	6,044
Mo.	378	671	7,546	8,829	16,268	30,155	17,836	31,342
N. Dak.	22,204	18,800	2,030	2,068	24,235	20,866	94,186	70,903
S. Dak.	6,250	5,548	135	132	7,273	8,907	34,758	25,555
Nebr.	6,092	13,914	2,302	3,858	11,977	26,442	18,365	49,066
Kans.	23,227	75,750	12,162	23,511	60,280	145,827	67,847	213,505
Del.	21	15	14	11	35	26	71	87
Md.	113	63	*	*	3,139	3,043	3,408	3,312
Va.	675	*	521	*	1,210	1,395	1,960	2,382
W. Va.	6	25	11	31	17	53	283	358
N. C.	289	314	597	551	886	865	1,968	1,863
S. C.	413	391	134	108	552	499	750	720
Ga.	148	210	95	92	243	302	351	500
Ky.	154	189	1,570	1,400	2,076	2,169	2,183	2,376
Tenn.	654	850	475	647	1,255	1,769	1,376	1,969
Ala.	*	*	*	*	163	170	171	189
Miss.	*	*	*	*	10	68	13	77
Ark.	*	*	*	*	8	6	33	42
La.	---	---	---	---	679	149	679	149
Okla.	4,643	21,193	3,565	4,919	26,700	49,768	27,673	53,517
Tex.	5,358	23,587	6,578	10,561	21,749	58,262	23,467	60,166
Mont.	8,699	10,024	1,864	1,739	10,573	11,763	47,636	45,182
Idaho	3,666	7,471	878	924	4,544	8,395	9,860	13,673
Wyo.	*	*	*	*	570	705	2,865	2,756
Colo.	2,964	11,941	1,958	2,560	5,079	15,319	9,961	28,503
N. Mex.	55	260	107	60	162	320	217	363
Ariz.	49	7	119	51	168	58	202	100
Utah	550	500	1,540	1,600	2,646	2,796	4,099	3,641
Nev.	36	20	---	---	36	20	142	116
Wash.	7,491	22,096	3,366	2,899	16,450	27,871	22,548	33,509
Oreg.	3,300	7,700	1,705	1,882	9,455	11,766	11,817	14,852
Calif.	1,061	706	1,101	903	2,519	1,753	3,298	3,112
Unallocated *	4,266	6,666	8,085	6,986	984	630	984	630
U. S.	112,337	245,848	80,760	101,691	319,999	572,058	517,894	840,498

*Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/Includes, in addition to stocks in Interior Mills, Elevators & Warehouses and Merchant Mills, commercial stocks reported by Grain Branch, P.M.A., at terminals, and those owned by Commodity Credit Corporation which are in transit to ports, in bins and other storages under C.C.C. control.

2/Off-farm total plus farm stocks.

STOCKS OF GRAINS APRIL 1, 1953 - Continued

State	Rye				Shelled and ear corn			
	Off-farm		Total 2/		Off-farm		Total 2/	
	total 1/		all positions		total 1/		all positions	
	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1	April 1
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Thousand bushels								
N.Eng.	*	*	*	*	413	417	758	716
N.Y.	1,932	*	1,954	*	4,014	2,039	7,733	7,623
N.J.	2	1	15	3	643	338	4,754	4,144
Pa.	192	*	235	*	2,149	1,474	25,884	29,366
Ohio	2	10	60	36	11,646	4,696	74,058	85,357
Ind.	*	28	*	61	14,230	8,145	119,075	118,444
Ill.	2,370	1,281	2,434	1,323	92,730	53,641	298,019	304,317
Mich.	26	16	286	142	2,033	1,145	31,845	42,530
Wis.	74	53	308	253	3,918	5,028	30,251	52,265
Minn.	1,350	1,352	1,778	1,509	40,605	36,970	103,117	159,943
Iowa	*	21	*	38	156,996	123,197	338,060	522,131
Mo.	177	96	202	112	10,622	7,558	64,555	72,797
N.Dak.	192	257	673	525	1,398	974	3,295	3,521
S.Dak.	270	302	1,268	997	30,596	27,732	49,316	69,442
Nebr.	128	74	489	363	56,596	46,278	125,605	175,877
Kans.	7	13	35	59	7,888	5,311	25,734	23,185
Del.	26	3	30	5	641	718	2,988	3,289
Md.	125	11	135	23	2,806	2,114	9,018	8,924
Va.	6	6	23	23	1,060	746	15,918	10,656
W.Va.	*	*	*	*	102	92	2,242	3,005
N.C.	1	1	22	11	1,695	1,885	29,128	20,404
S.C.	*	*	*	*	294	226	10,903	6,102
Ga.	*	*	*	*	705	770	17,868	9,754
Fla.	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,880	1,989
Ky.	183	164	195	173	2,417	1,761	31,610	19,708
Tenn.	*	5	*	8	1,644	1,565	22,153	12,263
Ala.	2	1	2	1	836	1,070	15,779	7,704
Miss.	3	1	3	1	237	137	12,984	7,549
Ark.	*	1	*	1	132	77	6,640	2,806
La.	---	---	---	---	1,443	649	5,803	3,921
Okla.	2	5	16	139	646	439	4,307	2,496
Tex.	34	22	50	50	1,374	1,764	9,425	9,915
Mont.	4	*	37	*	44	58	62	97
Idaho	*	*	*	*	55	46	438	498
Wyo.	1	1	17	10	32	52	59	86
Colo.	13	17	56	54	1,644	892	4,730	2,517
N.Mex.	*	*	*	*	12	7	286	248
Ariz.	*	*	*	*	26	52	157	244
Utah	*	*	*	*	62	83	99	124
Nev.	*	*	*	*	1	4	1	4
Wash.	23	26	61	41	223	456	282	538
Oreg.	12	11	89	105	115	202	336	435
Calif.	16	21	20	26	1,636	824	1,870	1,132
Unallocated *	78	652	199	753	2,917	311	2,917	311
U.S.	7,251	4,452	10,692	6,895	459,276	341,943	1,511,942	1,808,377

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2/Off-farm total plus farm stocks.

STOCKS OF GRAINS APRIL 1, 1953 - Continued

State	Oats				Barley			
	Off-farm	Total	2/		Off-farm	Total	2/	
	total 1/	all positions			total 1/	all positions		
	April 1	April 1			April 1	April 1		
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
T h o u s a n d b u s h e l s								
N.Eng.	473	444	3,139	1,774	394	208	468	252
N.Y.	2,234	1,479	14,556	11,451	716	939	1,446	1,525
N.J.	207	171	748	517	*	40	*	150
Pa.	615	453	12,257	7,459	399	246	1,807	1,451
Ohio	3,053	2,543	19,725	16,618	91	132	210	283
Ind.	1,107	998	15,571	16,581	23	26	76	156
Ill.	7,095	6,815	51,434	44,100	1,978	*	2,173	*
Mich.	957	854	25,030	20,153	248	141	1,605	1,162
Wis.	2,423	2,508	59,744	51,675	9,941	9,385	12,627	10,607
Minn.	7,399	8,276	101,015	94,189	20,358	10,293	33,832	19,097
Iowa	5,454	6,616	92,860	91,000	*	*	*	*
Mo.	1,086	1,755	10,794	8,059	*	*	*	*
N.Dak.	2,005	2,512	33,819	27,987	4,048	3,470	26,571	20,720
S.Dak.	2,355	3,556	59,374	50,646	1,244	542	13,060	5,993
Nebr.	1,170	1,072	24,888	16,925	382	135	1,999	1,305
Kans.	399	559	4,416	4,550	203	57	667	444
Del.	42	42	93	75	9	1	77	46
Md.	167	134	563	614	652	87	1,047	523
Va.	169	146	1,181	1,090	15	15	592	573
W.Va.	22	50	521	572	3	4	56	106
N.C.	301	202	3,488	1,977	*	23	*	280
S.C.	126	133	1,656	1,704	10	*	58	*
Ga.	99	649	820	3,345	3	2	9	11
Fla.	---	---	30	65	---	---	---	---
Ky.	107	169	449	481	3	9	134	135
Tenn.	227	406	842	1,134	16	45	85	105
Ala.	55	82	219	250	*	1	*	1
Miss.	191	272	525	828	7	4	7	4
Ark.	53	46	302	406	10	4	19	18
La.	25	3	143	183	---	---	---	---
Okla.	795	283	1,110	1,634	21	23	61	100
Tex.	960	892	3,159	5,701	121	102	173	198
Mont.	203	255	6,226	5,949	513	395	5,699	4,774
Idaho	512	1,280	2,929	3,947	773	1,199	3,068	3,491
Wyo.	74	83	2,609	1,836	82	109	2,330	1,587
Colo.	349	492	2,268	3,159	1,231	892	4,380	3,776
N.Mex.	9	15	61	63	13	8	86	87
Ariz.	24	25	98	139	460	377	754	671
Utah	94	93	603	741	397	379	2,219	2,054
Nev.	2	22	72	128	15	33	172	174
Wash.	900	1,434	2,234	3,474	1,781	2,675	2,458	3,189
Oreg.	786	1,312	2,439	3,854	1,719	2,373	3,033	3,905
Calif.	544	654	630	709	4,297	3,864	5,991	6,020
Unallocated*	---	---	---	---	1,956	2,820	2,925	3,446
U.S.	44,476	49,771	563,712	506,727	54,012	41,025	131,974	98,419

*Unallocated -- to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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2/Off-farm total plus farm stocks.

period in 10 years of record. A total of 3.8 million bushels, or 56% of all rye stocks, was in Minnesota, Illinois and South Dakota storage positions.

Corn stocks in all positions April 1, 1953 totaled over 1,808 million bushels, a quantity exceeded on April 1 only in 1949, 1950 and 1951. These stocks are nearly a fifth larger than a year earlier. Of this total, 1,466 million bushels remained on farms--the third largest farm stocks in the 28 years of record--reflecting the relatively large quantity under government loans. The off-farm portion of 342 million bushels is relatively small for recent years, when Commodity Credit Corporation has stored large quantities in their own bins. Of the current off-farm total, 231 million bushels was CCC-owned corn stored in their own bins, 37 million bushels was at terminals and nearly 74 million at interior mills, elevators and warehouses. In each of those 3 positions current stocks were smaller than on April 1 of the last 3 years. From the October 1, 1952 supply of 3,488 million bushels of corn for grain, net disappearance of 1,680 million bushels is indicated by current stocks. Of this 768 million was in the January-March quarter, not far from average for the period.

The 507 million bushels of oats remaining on April 1 is a little below average for the date and sharply less than in the last two years. The off-farm portion of nearly 50 million bushels is largest since 1946, while the farm stocks of 457 million bushels are relatively small. Barley stocks of 98 million bushels are smallest in the 11 years of April 1 record, reflecting the small 1952 production. Both farm and off-farm portions are relatively small, although the 32.5 million bushels at interior mills, elevators and warehouses is not far below average for the date.

Stocks of sorghum grain are available on April 1 for only the off-farm positions. This total of 18½ million bushels is smallest for the date since 1948, chiefly as a result of the relatively small 1952 crop. Farm stocks on January 1, 1953 were smallest of record for that date. Estimates of sorghum grain stocks are prepared as a project under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (RMS, Title II).

SORGHUM GRAIN: OFF-FARM 1/ STOCKS, BY STATES

State : April 1, : April 1, :			State : April 1, : April 1, :			State : April 1, : April 1, :		
: 1952 : 1953 :			: 1952 : 1953 :			: 1952 : 1953 :		
Thous. bushels			Thous. bushels			Thous. bushels		
N.Y.	*	6	Md.	3	2	Tex.	22,019	11,326
N.J.	1	*	Va.	*	1	Wyo.	1	*
Pa.	15	10	N.C.	*	55	Colo.	768	372
Ohio	36	15	S.C.	17	2	N.Mex.	378	360
Ind.	16	17	Ky.	2	4	Ariz.	513	450
Ill.	117	5	Tenn.	25	23	Wash.	137	*
Wis.	3	*	Ala.	16	*	Oreg.	102	*
Iowa	28	40	Miss.	14	9	Calif.	1,278	978
Mo.	3,873	257	Ark.	23	7	Others and		
Nebr.	562	103	La.	128	*	Unallocated	106	741
Kans.	14,038	3,101	Okla.	2,112	666	U.S.	49,326	18,550

*Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/ See footnote 1/ preceding pages.

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